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Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"May I inquire whether Government or the Director of Industries did not consult the local bodies concerned as to the scope of these schools?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"I do not think so, Sir."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"Is not the hon. Minister aware that there is a great demand for a mechanical engineering course being introduced in the school?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"I do not remember Sir."

Excise

Recruitment of ex-service men as Sub-Inspectors in the Excise Department.

*55 Q.—Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are ex-service men already in service in the Waltair Circle who have been in the Excise Sub-Inspector's list for the last two years and are also educationally qualified;

(b) whether new persons have been recruited to the cadre of Sub-Inspectors to the detriment of these ex-service men who are already in the department;

(c) the number and names of such persons; and

(d) whether a new Agency Circle is going to be formed, and if so, from what date?

A.—(a) to (c) The hon. Member presumably refers to the Waltair division. The Government have not the information but have called for it.

(d) No such proposal is under the consideration of the Government.

Collection of arrears of tree-tax from the ryots.

*56 Q.—Mr. K. R. KARANT: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is true that, if a tenant who leases a coconut or palmyra tree for tapping is unable to pay the dues to Government, the ryot himself is being compelled to pay such dues; and

(b) if so, on what authority such collection is made?

A.—(a) Yes; in the South Kanara district.

(b) Under section 19 of the Madras Abkari Act and by virtue of a notification issued by the Government under that section.

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—"May I know whether the landlord after payment of the arrears to Government has any remedies open to him to collect the amount from the tenant?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"Under the law of the land just as any other money due to him, he can recover it."